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MSU Extension Emerald Ash Borer Update

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI – 08/21/03 – Several methods for controlling EAB, a beetle killing ash trees in Michigan, are being tested. So far, Michigan State University researchers say there is no way to eradicate the pest.

Several products, including insecticides and fungicides as well as natural predators such as woodpeckers, are being investigated. Researchers have conducted numerous laboratory and field experiments to understand its life cycle and determine what can best control it. Though strategies to control the adult EAB have been discovered, further study is needed to determine the effectiveness of the treatments.

EAB larval feeding is finished by October. At that time, researchers will analyze the effects of various control products by peeling bark from treated ash trees and examining the survival rate of larvae. Field tests have shown that Bidrin (insecticide) controlled adult beetles when injected into the base of ash trees. How well this product and others controls *larvae* is not yet known. At this point, citizens should be very skeptical of claims of quick fixes for EAB infestations.



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The quarantine of all ash products in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties is still in effect. EAB has also been found recently in Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Kent, Ottawa and St. Clair. Homeowners should not to transport ash wood off of their property to help prevent the spread of the pest.

For more information about EAB, contact the Macomb MSU Extension office at 586-469-5180 and www.msue.msu.edu/macomb, or refer to www.emeraldashborer.info. The MDA Emerald Ash Borer Hotline is 1-866-325-0023.

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